# 20 Minute Muster Message

U.S. Customs and Border Protection
U.S. Border Patrol Training
National Standards on:
Transport, Escort, Detention, and Search
TEDS



# Background and requirements

- October 1, 2015 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the National Border Patrol Council (NBPC).
  - The MOU designates an annual TEDS training requirement.
- February 1, 2016 Chief Vitiello issued a follow-up memorandum: Policy Reminder Regarding CBP's National Standards on TEDS.
  - The memo reiterates the TEDS training requirement.



The National
Standards on TEDS
is 31 pages
organized into 8
Sections.

The final section contains definitions of terms used in the policy.



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In this Muster Module we will review the operational sections (1-7) of the policy to ensure USBP is aware of, and in compliance with TEDS principles.



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### Section 1: GENERAL STANDARDS

- · Remain professional at all times.
- Your integrity is your shield.
- Report abuse, don't be an abuser.
- Respect for individual rights.
- Juveniles experience situations differently than adults.
  - Communicate to detainees in a language or manner detainees can comprehend.
  - Follow current hold room policy (June 02, 2008).
  - Maintain family unity to the greatest extent operationally feasible.

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## Section 2: TRANSPORT AND ESCORT STANDARDS

- Thoroughly search confinement areas of vehicles.
- Never use restraints, vehicle temperature, or driving effects in a punitive manner.
- When in doubt, use (b) (7)(E)

### Summary:

- Assess detainees for at-risk indicators and medical issues.
- For everyone's protection, complete a thorough search incident to arrest.
- Inspect your equipment, to include your mobile and portable radios.
- Adhere to USBP standard procedures for personal property and record keeping.

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### Section 3: SEARCHES OF INDIVIDUALS

- Respect the parameters and scope of the type of search you are currently doing.
- When operationally feasible maintain gender continuity between the agent and searched subject.

### Summary:

- Coordinate appropriate medical care if illness or injury is suspected or observed.
- Certain searches, for example, Body Cavity or X-ray require supervisory approval.
- Agents may only provide medical care within the scope of their training.

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## Section 4: SECURE DETENTION STANDARDS

 Current hold room policy (June 02, 2008) The PAIC or the senior shift supervisor will be notified of all detentions at the station level that reach or exceed 24 hours.

#### Summary:

 At no time will restraints be used in a punitive manner.

- Agents shall assess the information before them to determine if the detainee may be considered an atrisk detainee, or at risk of posing a threat to others.
- Agents must closely supervise hold rooms when in use. Follow the Status Checks prompts in the e3 Detention Module.

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### **Section 5:** AT-RISK POPULATIONS

#### Summary:

 At Risk Detainees may include: Juveniles; UAC; pregnant individuals; those known to be on lifesustaining or life-saving medical treatment; those at higher risk of sexual abuse (including but not limited to gender nonconforming, intersex, and transgender); reported victims of sexual abuse; those who have identified mental, physical or developmental disabilities; those of advanced age; or family units.

- Complete CBP Form 93 when applicable.
  - Unaccompanied Alien Child Screening Addendum
- Document timeline of interactions/communications with Office of Refugee Resettlement – ORR.

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### Section 6: SEXUAL ABUSE VICTIMIZATION

### Sexual abuse includes; assault of a detainee by another detainee and, assault of a detainee by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer.

### Summary:

- You are a mandated reporter of sexual abuse.
  - Practice privacy discretion.
- Prohibition against retaliation.
- Unimpeded access to medical treatment and crisis intervention services in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care.

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### **Section 7: Personal Property**

 Property discovered during apprehension or processing and not deemed to be contraband will be safeguarded.

### Summary:

- Follow local Detainee Property Processing procedures.
- Documentation may include:
  - I-77
  - 6051D/A
  - Property log book.



## Section 8 and conclusion

#### Summary:



U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
National Standards on Transport, Escort, Detention, and Search (TEDS)
is agency-wide policy that sets forth the first nationwide standards which govern
CBP's interaction with detained individuals.

U.S. Border Patrol standard operating procedures are in compliance with TEDS policy.





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MEMORANDUM FOR:

All Chief Patrol Agents

All Directorate Chiefs

All Directorate Executive Directors

FROM:

Michael J. Fisher

Chief

U.S. Border Patrol

SUBJECT:

Implementation of the CBP National Standards on TEDS

As a result of an agency-wide effort to create a unified policy related to safety, security, and care of those in our custody, the following on Transport, Escort, Detention, and Search (TEDS) standards will be used by all U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) personnel as outlined in Commissioner R. Gil Kerlikowske's memorandum, *Implementation of the CBP National Standards on Transport, Escort, Detention, and Search (TEDS)*.

The USBP Hold Rooms and Short Term Custody policy, dated January 31, 2008, is still applicable. It addresses detention standards for the short-term custody of persons arrested or detained by Border Patrol agents and detained in hold rooms at Border Patrol stations, checkpoints, processing facilities, and other facilities that are under CBP control. In addition to transport, escort, detention, and search provisions, TEDS incorporates requirements related to sexual abuse and assault prevention and response, care of at-risk individuals in custody, and personal property.

The TEDS document is a CBP overarching policy that reinforces current practices and working conditions. Moreover, in the absence of more prescriptive policies issued by the U.S. Border Patrol, the TEDS standards apply. These standards were developed with current policies and procedures from CBP's Office of Field Operations and the U.S. Border Patrol, as well as several other CBP-wide documents, current guidance to the field, best practices, and requirements found in applicable Federal law and regulation.

Management and agents are responsible for ensuring compliance with TEDS requirements when conducting their duties. TEDS is available at <a href="http://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/cbp-teds-policy-20151005\_1.pdf">http://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/cbp-teds-policy-20151005\_1.pdf</a>. My staff is in the process of developing training that will be sent to all sectors upon its completion. Please ensure that this memorandum is disseminated to all employees under your purview.

Staff should refer any questions regarding the TEDS standards to the Policy Division's Acting Associate Chief (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) in the Strategic Planning and Analysis Directorate, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)



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